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For : Scientific Branch,  
Chief, [redacted] Office

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1. A book published in [redacted] by [redacted] Inc., entitled [redacted] by [redacted] with [redacted] on page [redacted] contains the following:

"Today every [redacted] military doctor and [redacted] nurse is trained in hypnotism. The [redacted] have used hypnotism to an amazing extent in healing amnesia cases. Their psychologists use it for traumatic cases. Hypnosis has indeed become the [redacted] paramount weapon in the treatment of war neuroses."

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Will you please advise whether [redacted] has any interest in our finding out what facts, if any, the authors have to support the statements contained in the above quotation? Such an investigation would undoubtedly be time-consuming and we do not wish to embark upon it unless we have some assurance that the results might be of value to CIA.

2. This book on pages [redacted] and [redacted] also contains the following statements which may be of interest to [redacted] as well as [redacted]

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[redacted] a successful author of books on [redacted] and the [redacted] went one step further. He has declared:

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"I can hypnotize a man--without his knowledge or consent--into committing treason against the United States. If I can do it, so could psychologists of other nations in the event of another war."

[redacted] is absolutely right. I, too, could produce hypnotic secret agents and so could hundreds of others trained in the science of hypnotic suggestion. I would be surprised if many secret services are not now actually employing hypnotic methods for some of their underground activities.

"Soon after World War II had started, [redacted] was called to [redacted]. He was asked by intelligence officers about the possibility that [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] secret services might be planning to use hypnotism to obtain information."

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[REDACTED] then made a most provocative and controversial statement when he told United States Intelligence officers:

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"Two hundred trained [REDACTED] operators, trained in the United States, could develop a unique, dangerous army of hypnotically controlled agents."

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